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From: Hull, George
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Subject: Preview: Hot Issues 8/14/2015

For your review and approval. Thanks, George

Agency Releases/Advisories/Statements/Events:

Week of 8/17:

BLOG (OCHP): Ruth Etzel: Cars and Trucks and Things That Go...Put the Brakes on Traffic-Related Pollution Exposure at Schools

Contact: Enesta

Note: Will also do targeted regional media outreach about the best practices document.

Mon. 8/17:

RELEASE (OECA): Clean Water Act settlement with PA Water Utility – Time TBD

Contact: Julia

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Tue. 8/18:

ADVISORY (OAR): EPA to Hold Press Call on Air Issue – Time TBD

Contact: Enesta

PRESS RELEASE (OAR): EPA Proposes New Air Pollution Standards for Oil and Gas Industry – Time TBD

Contact: Enesta

PRESS CALL WITH JANET MCCABE (OAR) – On Proposed Oil and Gas Standards -- Time TBD

Contacts: Enesta and Laura

STATEMENT (OAR): The Environmental Defense Fund and Colorado State University release methane study. – 10 a.m.

Contacts: Enesta and Laura.

Note: Statement provided to NYT today.

Thur. 8/20:

PRESS BRIEFING (OP+OITA+OW):Chris Moore of OP, Mark Kasman of OITA and Brian Rappoli of OW will participate in the State Department's Foreign Press Center's Reporters' Briefing for 14 foreign journalists on climate change's impact on oceans the at the National Press Club on Thurs. 8/20, from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Contacts: Enesta and Robert

Inquiries:

On Colorado Mine Spill (Region 8): Region 8 is holding daily press calls. Numerous national outlets are covering the story.

Contact: Melissa and Christie in Durango; Jennifer in EOC; Robert in OMR; George in OMR.

On Clean Power Plan (OAR): Steady flow of incoming from national, trade and regional press about the comments and outreach, state-specific impacts and programs to benefit low-income communities. Fielded six ones today; total since 8/3: 149.

Contact: Enesta

CNN Morgan Spurlock: Inside Man (ORD): interested in learning about EPA/NIH's Tox21 for segment on toxins. DDL: TBD

Contact: Cathy

More Magazine (AO): Discussing print editorial on Administrator for February or later issue. Will send editor upcoming clips in WaPo and Boston mag as samples of human interest pieces she's done, once the pieces run in the next couple weeks.

Contact: Christie

Wall Street Journal (OAR): Asking about performance of Tier 4 engines. With program. DDL flexible. Contact: Christie

Parents magazine (AO): Working to pitch an article or guest blog by the Administrator once the final Clean Power Plan rule is released.

Contact: Enesta

Independent filmmaker Nick Caiazza (OW): Nick would like to do an on-camera towards the end of this month with Ellen Gilinsky about the Mississippi/Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia dead zone. He also would like to interview an EPA scientist working in the field.

Contacts: Robert

CNN (OW, possibly ORD): CNN researcher Anna Perczak is gathering info on the scientific

and regulatory follow up to a 2006, EPA-commissioned NRC report on fluoridation in water.

Contact: Robert

CPI (OEI): Why coal-fired power plants do not appear on EPA's Toxics Release Inventory, specifically Mill Creek Station, owned by Louisville Gas & Electric Co. in Louisville, Kentucky.

Contacts: Jennifer, George and Monica

Washington Post (OEI): Request to interview with Greg Godbout on digital series, FITARA, and modernizing IT at EPA. Shooting for 8/20. DDL: Open

Contact: Jennifer

NPR (DC) (ORD + OAR): The Kojo Nnamdi Show at WAMU is seeking an interview about new tools and technology to help us understand air pollution at the local level. Looking at possibly doing a joint interview with ORD and OAR experts. DDL: 8/13.

Contacts: Cathy and Enesta

New York Times (OSWER): science columnist for the New York Times John Tierney writing an article for the NY Times Sunday Review section on the current state of recycling. looked at our SMM report. Wants to speak with technical expert about how we calculate gig benefits from recycling. Deadline: 8/18. Story may run as soon as 8/23 but likely 1-4 weeks later.

Contact: Julia